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MINUTES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE
ON
TOURISM AND OUTDOOR RECREATION AND AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

12:00 noon

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Tourism and Outdoor Recreation was called to order by Chair Hughes.

Members present: Reps. Hughes, VanderWall, Sheppard, Dianda, Clemente.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Sheppard moved to adopt the minutes of June 7, 2017. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chair Hughes laid the following Senate Concurrent Resolution before the committee:

SCR 7	(Proos)	A concurrent resolution to support the recommendations of the Chicago Area Waterway System Advisory Committee to prevent Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes.
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Senator Proos testified in support of SCR 7. Questions and discussion followed.

Sean Hammond, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in support of SCR 7. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of SCR 7, but did not wish to speak:

Anna Mooney, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Amy Trotter, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

Chair Hughes laid the following bills before the committee:

HB 4781	(Hughes)	Vehicles; bicycles; operation of electric bicycles on certain trails; allow.
HB 4782	(Hughes)	Vehicles; bicycles; definition and regulation of electric bicycles; provide for.
HB 4783	(Kesto)	Insurance; no-fault; electric-assist bicycles; exempt from no-fault insurance requirements.

Vice-Chairman VanderWall took the gavel, the time being 12:19 p.m.

Chair Hughes testified in support of the bills.

Chair Hughes returned to the gavel, the time being 12:24 p.m.

Bob Wilson, representing the Michigan Trails and Greenways, testified in support of the bills and submitted written testimony; George Lombard, representing the Cherry Capitol Cycling Club, testified in support of HB 4782 and submitted written testimony; and Linda Deneen, representing TART, Inc., testified in support of HB 4782 and HB 4783 and submitted written testimony.

John Lindenmayer, representing the League of Michigan Bicyclist, testified in support of the bills and submitted written testimony.

Michael Reuter, representing American Cycle and Fitness, testified in support of the bills and submitted written testimony.

Dennis Cawthorne, representing the Mackinac Island Mayor and City Council, the City of Mackinac Island, and the Mackinac Island Convention and Visitors Bureau, testified in support of the bills, with amendment. Questions and discussion followed.

Andrea Ketchmark, representing the North Country Trail Association, testified with a neutral position on HB 4781 and HB 4782 and submitted written testimony; Mark Weaver, representing the National Park Service, testified with a neutral position on HB 4782 and submitted written testimony.

Kim Lindsey-Feagin, representing Bosch, testified in support of the bills and submitted written testimony.

Jason Aric Jones, Advocacy Director for the Michigan Mountain Biking Association, testified in support of HB 4781, with caveats, and submitted written testimony.

Melissa McIntosh, representing herself, testified in support of the bills.

John Waterman, representing Programs to Educate of Cyclists (PEAC), testified in support of the bills.

Sean Hammond, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in support of the bills and submitted written testimony.

Anna Mooney, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Melissa Workman, representing the Michigan Mountain Biking Association, submitted a card in support of HB 4781, and submitted written testimony, but did not wish to speak.

Larry Pizzi, representing the Bicycle Product Suppliers Association (BPSA) and Jenn Dice,

representing PeopleForBikes, submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Tom D'Ambrosio, representing himself, submitted written testimony in opposition to the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Chuck Bloomfield, representing himself, submitted written testimony with requested changes to HB 4782, but did not wish to speak.

The following people submitted a card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

John LaMaccia, representing the Michigan Municipal League.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Hughes adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:28 p.m.

Representative Holly Hughes, Chair_____

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